ABSTRACT

The Cauffiel Connector Project is a new two lane road proposed for construction in Bellevue State Park, Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The property is owned and managed by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The project is state funded by the Delaware Department of Transportation. It is not a Federal undertaking; there are no Federal funds, permits, licenses, or assistance. The project area is located north of Wilmington and lies in the Fall Line zone between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain Physiographic Provinces. The connector road will be constructed through the park between Philadelphia Pike and Governor Printz Boulevard. An Identification and Evaluation Survey of Architectural and Archaeological Resources was conducted by McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc. for the Delaware Department of Transportation. The proposed project area is a corridor approximately 30 meters (100 feet) wide extending approximately 580 meters (approximately 1900 feet) from Philadelphia Pike to the northwest and Governor Printz Boulevard to the southeast.

One eligible property has been identified within the APE for the Cauffiel Connector Project: the Cauffiel Estate. Three archaeological resources are located on the Cauffiel Estate within the APE, 7NC-C-12A (Stoney Run Site Locus A), 7NC-C-12B (Stoney Run Site Locus B), and 7NC-C-13 (Sarah Brooks House Site). None of the portions of each of these sites within the APE has the potential to contribute information significant in prehistory or history. Therefore, these sites are non-contributing elements of the Cauffiel Estate.